

Neal Smith National Wildlife Refuge

Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts program offerings

The Rangers at Neal Smith NWR welcome scouts of all ages to participate in badge programs. Each of the Cub Scout programs listed below will be held at least once a year, in fall and possibly in spring depending on schedule availability and interest. The programs are typically a Saturday morning (9am-12pm) or a Sunday afternoon (12:30-3:30pm). Boy Scout programs may be scheduled on an as-requested basis. Find out what is scheduled for the current season or request a Boy Scout program by contacting Megan Wandag at 515-994-3400 or megan_wandag@fws.gov.

Badge programs are free of charge, and supplies will be provided unless otherwise noted. We will complete all requirements for the badge, with a few noted exceptions indicated with an asterisk *. For more information on what we will cover, please contact Megan.

Scouts should dress for the weather, as we will be spending time outside during each program. Bring a water bottle, sunscreen and/or insect repellent, as needed. You may also bring a lunch and eat at the Prairie Learning Center before or after your program. Contact Megan with questions, or for more detailed information about a specific badge program.

The following badge programs are available:

Cub Scouts

Tiger – Backyard Jungle

Tigers in the Wild*

Wolf – Paws on the Path*

Grow Something*

Bear – Fur, Feathers and Ferns

Webelos – Webelos Walkabout*

Into the Wild

Boy Scouts

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| • Bird Study | • Mammal Study |
| • Fish and Wildlife Management | • Nature |
| • Forestry | • Plant Science |
| • Geology | • Reptile and Amphibian Study |
| • Indian Lore | • Soil and Water Conservation |
| • Insect Study | |

Boys pursuing their Eagle Scout rank may contact us for opportunities to complete service projects.

In addition to badge programs, scouts may visit the Prairie Learning Center, hike the trails, snowshoe in winter, and participate in special events in pursuit of various other merit badges. A list of special events for the current year is available upon request, or on the Events Calendar on our website at www.fws.gov/refuge/neal_smith. Several events throughout each year include a service component as well. Volunteers are also always welcome at Neal Smith NWR!